(b) With the increase in the number of books, want of space is being felt. The room is otherwise properly ventilated.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Has anything been done for finding additional accommodation for the library?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Nothing has yet been done. I do not think that it is such a pressing one.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Can the windows on the western side be opened? Is there moving space?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I know that so many young lawyers are flocking to the library.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Does the Government Advocate visit the library?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer.)*—I do go there.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government undertake the extension of the building so that there may be more space for the library?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Government are not satisfied that the library is in a bad condition.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—How many chairs are there?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer.)*—I must confess that it is a case where notice has to be claimed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Are gentlemen other than the Vakils allowed to use the library?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I do not think that they are generally allowed.

Chief Court buildings—Extension of.

36. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— Will the Government be pleased to state why the extension of the Chief Court Buildings, once approved, is indefinitely postponed?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The work is not postponed indefinitely but had to be postponed for want of funds for the time being.

Improvements to the Mullasseri Canal—complaints regarding.

37. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any complaints regarding the improvements to the Mullasseri canal;

(2) if so, have they been attended to;

(3) what are the complaints?

Mr. V. K. Aravindakha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) 1. Complaint from Mr. A. Narayana Menon about the end of May, 1936, stating that the canal is obtructed on account of the bridge work and this has caused flooding on the Karithala and Elamkulam wet lands. On carefully examining the position it was found that there has been no obsructions to the flow in the canal. Urgent action was, however, taken in other directions by way of opening the sluices of Ananthuruthy-chira and its bund itself was cut open. A temporary sluice was also put up at 6/2 of the Hill Palace road to prevent afflux of water during high tides. The fact, however, was that due to exceptionally heavy monsoon far in advance of the usual time in that year the paddy sown had not come up sufficiently high to stand the heavy rain.

2. There were some complaints about the encroachment of land during construction and about the possible damage to adjoining property. These were found not to be true on examination. Some improvement works were, however, done on the canal sides to satisfy these complaints.

3. Complaint from Mr. A. Narayana Menon on 5th Kumbham 1112 for constructing a sluice to prevent ingress of salt water. This was at the time being estimated for and in addition to it the original provision itself contemplated a bund across the canal to be put up during the dry season.

4. Complaint from Mr. A. Narayana Menon on 7th Kanni 1113 about the possibility of ingress of salt water through the

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